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| Serial No.: 09/768,991        | í |
| Filed: January 23, 2001       | Ś |
| For: INTERBODY SPINAL IMPLANT | í |
| WITH TRAILING END ADAPTED     | í |
| TO RECEIVE BONE SCREWS        | í |
| (as amended)                  | í |

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## **AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003, the period for reply having been extended for three (3) months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 25 of this paper.